REMARKS

The Specification.

The Applicant has rearranged the order of some paragraphs and adjusted the identification of several Figures. No new matter is introduced by the amendments to the specification.

The Status of the Claims.

Claims 61 to 82 are pending with entry of this amendment, claims 1 to 60 being cancelled and claims 61 to 82 being added herein. These amendments introduce no new matter and support is replete throughout the specification. These amendments are made without prejudice and are not to be construed as abandonment of the previously claimed subject matter or agreement with any objection or rejection of record.

For Example, with respect to claims 61 and 62, support is found throughout the application, e.g., at page 2, line 24-page 3, line 10; page 6, line 3-page7 line 11; page 15, line 16-page 16; line 23; page 27, line 1-page 36, line 3; and throughout the appendices and figures. Support for claims 63, 64 and 65 is found, e.g., at page 16, line 26- page 21, line 2; and in the figures and appendices. Support for claim 66 is found, e.g., in the appendices and the various text references in the specification to the appendices. Support for claim 67 is found, e.g., in Examples 9 and 10. Support for claims 68 and 69 is found, e.g., at pages 27-34. Support for claim 70 is found, e.g., at page 10, lines 30-31 and throughout the following passages of the specification. Support for claim 71 is found e.g., beginning at page 21, line 7. Support for claim 72 is found, e.g., at page 47. Support for claim 73 is found throughout. Support for claim 74 is found e.g., at page 6, line 27-page 7, line 11. Additional support for the new claims is replete throughout the application as originally filed. Support for new independent claims 75, 77, 79, and 81 can be found throughout the specification and, e.g., Figures 21 to 30; Appendices 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; and, the section starting at page 39, line 28. Support for claims 76, 78, 80, and 83 can be found throughout the specification and in Appendices 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

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Applicants submit that no new matter has been added to the application by way of the above Amendment. Accordingly, entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 510-337-7871.

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Attachments:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for 3 months;
 - 2) A transmittal sheet;
 - 3) A receipt indication postcard; and,

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